

SENATE BILL NO. 138

INTRODUCED BY WEINBERG

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS; MAKING PERMANENT THE ATTACHMENT OF THE FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-3330, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 537, LAWS OF 2003; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2-15-3330, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3330. (Temporary) Flathead basin commission -- membership -- compensation. (1) There is a Flathead basin commission.

(2) The commission consists of ~~24~~ 23 members selected as follows:

(a) seven members appointed by the governor from industrial, environmental, and other interests affected by Title 75, chapter 7, part 3, one of whom must be on the governor's staff;

(b) one member ~~who is appointed by~~ the director of the department of natural resources and conservation, or the director's designee representing the northwestern land office of the department of natural resources and conservation;

(c) one member appointed by the Flathead County commissioners;

(d) one member appointed by the Lake County commissioners;

(e) one member appointed by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes;

(f) one member appointed by the United States department of agriculture, forest service regional forester for the northern region;

(g) one member appointed by the United States department of the interior, national park service regional director for the Rocky Mountain region;

(h) one member appointed by the Flathead County conservation district board of supervisors;

(i) one member appointed by the Lake County conservation district board of supervisors;

(j) ~~four~~ five ex officio members appointed respectively by the chief executive of the provincial government of the Province of British Columbia; the regional administrator of the United States environmental protection agency; the regional administrator of the United States department of the interior, bureau of reclamation; ~~the administrator~~ A REPRESENTATIVE of the Bonneville power administration; and the holder of a license issued for the Flathead project under the Federal Power Act;

(k) ~~two~~ three ex officio members who are the director of the department of natural resources and conservation, the director of the department of environmental quality, and the director of the department of fish, wildlife, and parks or their designees.

(3) The commissioners shall serve without pay. The commissioners listed in subsection (2)(a), except the commissioner on the governor's staff, are entitled to reimbursement for travel, meals, and lodging while engaged in commission business, as provided in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503.

(4) The commission is attached to the department of natural resources and conservation for administrative purposes only. (~~Amendment and renumbering terminate June 30, 2005--sec. 4, Ch. 537, L. 2003. On July 1, 2005, this section reverts to its previous MCA designation of 2-15-213.-~~)"

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Repealer.** Section 4, Chapter 537, Laws of 2003, is repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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